



Feather River Rail Society

Portola Railroad
Museum

Preserving

"The Feather River Route"

P.O. Box 608
Portola, California 96122
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The museum is open daily year round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM except Christmas Day. Entrance to the museum is free, however, we have a suggested donation of \$2.00.

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From the Desk of the President



In the last Train Sheet, I mentioned that the end of the operating season was at hand. As you will see in this issue, the operating season didn't really end - - it just slowed down a little. The winter preparations are still being done, however, and there have already been several frosty mornings.

There is no Pacific Limited report in this issue; Norm and I will be attending a Pacific Limited Board of Directors meeting on November 18th to review and discuss the outcome of the Pacific Northwest trip, and I will have a report in the next Train Sheet. The initial reports, however, are not what we expected.

The Museum again has a steam locomotive on the property. See Norm's article on the story behind this old engine. It needs lots of work, but it's a classic.

Upcoming events: The FRRS Santa Trains will run on the first two Saturdays in December (the 2nd and 9th); assistance ahead of time to help decorate the train and the shop is always appreciated. Also, Winterail is coming! Director Vic Neves' March institution will take place on March 9th, 1996, at the Scottish Rite Temple, on Alpine, in Stockton. Full-event tickets are \$18.00, by advance mail only, from: Vic Neves - Winterail '96, P. O. Box 23721, Oakland, CA 94623-0721. Make your check or money order payable to Vic Neves - Winterail '96, and don't forget that you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your order to be processed. This event is always a sellout, so get your tickets early. The FRRS is well-represented at this show - - come out and meet some of your Directors.

Due to recent developments, I believe we are making progress toward producing more issues of the Headlight. Several people are working diligently to get the Headlight back on track, and we are supporting these efforts.

We are currently investigating an opportunity to acquire more diesel locomotives. Although we already have 38 locomotives in the collection, these potential acquisitions are very significant to our WP diesel collection. I hope to have more to report in the next Train Sheet.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving, and best wishes for the upcoming Christmas season. Thank you for supporting your Museum and the FRRS.

Steve Habeck

Back Issues of the Headlight

- Issue 1 (Out of print) California Zephyr Anniversary Issue.
- Issue 2 Joint issue with the Freight Car Journal; WP freight car roster; color. 28 pages, \$5.00.
- Issue 3 (Out of print) F3s in freight service; AAR box cars; WP tank cars; index to historical articles in back issues of the Train Sheet.
- Issue 4 (Out of print) A tale of 2 engines; PC-WP box cars; GP40s.....a guide to types; circus specials. 36 pages.
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- Issue 8 Working the Sperry Rail Detector Car on WP; GP 35's; modeling WP ex-MILW boxcars. 36 pages, \$4.00.
- Issue 9 WP History; Merger 10th Anniversary; Complete Western Pacific steam and diesel locomotive roster; color on cover and interior. 96 pages, \$12.95.
- Issue 10 War time, Beer cars, Shafter, GP-35's. 36 pp. \$6.00.

Headlight issue #10 is the most current issue.

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